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Query: Is the Civic Federation to be organized for the express purpose of defeating municipal organization?—Evening Bulletin.

The announcement that Uncle Sam is building a total of seventy new ships for the navy is one to make the breast of every American swell with pride.

His patient and laborious work and the successful result of the war with Spain alone entitle President McKinley to re-election at the hands of the people.

The placing of seats in the public parks and concert grounds by the Superintendent of Public Works will receive the hearty endorsement of the people.

The proceedings of the Territorial Board of Education would lead one to believe that the royal road to matrimony lies through the Hawaiian school rooms.

Why is not greater progress being made in the numbering of the houses of the city? There can be no free delivery of mail until the houses are numbered.

Lower salaries for many of the over-paid officials of Hawaii and larger compensation for the school teachers is a reform that cannot be too quickly enacted for the good of the Territory.

The present attitude of the Chinese Dowager Empress is that of the man who "didn't know the gun was loaded." Her explanations will not satisfy the powers.

The Democratic Nashville American warns its party managers that it is useless for them to attempt to carry Ohio this year. The American has been investigating conditions in the Buckeye State.

The last native school was legislated out of existence by the Board of Education yesterday. The Hawaiian had to give way to the English. The Anglo-Saxon civilization is moving onward in its predestined path.

People along the water-front are fast learning that when they want shipping news in Honolulu they must buy The Republican. The consequence is that the only paper one finds along the wharves these days is The Republican.

Is it possible that the imaginative weavers of Oriental fairy tales for some of the local press will now begin to flood us with the deeds and misdeeds, the valor and the statesmanship, of Leung Chi-Tso? If so, the Board of Health should interfere.

There was more important legislation transacted during the last session of Congress than in any other similar period. At the next session two of the most important measures will be the Nicaraguan canal construction bill and the restoration of American shipping.

Now that rural postal delivery in Hawaii is possible for the asking, it is to be hoped that it may not be cast away. The suburban and farming sections of the Territory should bestir themselves in this matter. They will find it a convenience beyond estimation.

The farm price of wheat on December 1 in each year of President Cleveland's administration averaged 54.1 cents per bushel. Under the McKinley administration the average price has been 67.5 cents per bushel, an increase of 25 per cent over the Democratic price.

The best thing that can be done for the health of Honolulu is to push the completion of the sewer system and then absolutely prohibit the building of cesspools in any part of the city. Cesspools are a menace to public health that should be eradicated at the earliest possible date.

At the rate in which the Government at Washington is sending troops from the mainland and the Philippines the United States will soon have an army of 25,000 men in China. With the powerful naval squadron already in Chinese waters, the Republic will not hold a secondary place in the movement on Peking.

President McKinley has strenuously urged the fulfillment of every campaign promise made in the Republican platform of 1896. In this he has been supported by the representatives of his party in Congress, and the result has been much legislation of a valuable character, as well as faith kept with the people.

Judge Wilcox's suggestion that Officer Hanrahan be sworn to interpret in behalf of Nakatana's monkey, which figured in the Police Court yesterday,

was a pleasantry that would lead to serious consequences in some countries. Up to date, however, Officer Hanrahan has not been heard from, either in English, Celtic or monkey dialect, of which latter Judge Wilcox intimates the favorite officer of High Sheriff Brown is an expert.

The so-called ethics of the medical profession sometimes lead otherwise sensible men to act queerly, to say the least, when a matter concerning their profession is concerned. More common sense and less tomfoolery over ethics would place the profession in a better light in public estimation.

It is undoubtedly to be organized for that purpose, but it will fail of its object. The very objections that the opponents to the incorporation of Honolulu are now advancing are daily making converts for municipal organization. The very men behind a movement of that sort frequently defeat the end they have in view.

It would be a good thing for the health of Honolulu for the proper officials to instruct the police to compel a general cleaning up of back yards and driveways. There are a number of back yards in almost all parts of the city which are reeking with accumulated filth that is a menace to public health.

No wonder the police don't want any one to engage in the business of shipping master in Honolulu. When a police captain, whose regular salary is but \$75 a month, can secure an income of at least \$250 per month after making the usual Tanmany divvy with those above him, shipping sailors for vessels desiring them must be a pretty profitable business.

That excellent paper, the San Francisco Chronicle, is allowing itself to be imposed upon in its Honolulu correspondence and at the same time making itself ridiculous to its many readers here. What the Chronicle needs is to order out the fool killer in Honolulu, with instructions to begin duty upon the man who would send a paper such stuff as was contained in the Chronicle of July 10.

The Board of Health might well look into the manner of carting away garbage, particularly the carelessness shown in dumping it into the wagons by the men employed. It is no uncommon sight in many residence sections of the city to see garbage spilled over the entrance to alleys and private ways, while garbage cans and boxes reeking with polluted matter are standing along the alley entrances.

It is officially reported that Leung Chi-Tso, the alleged Chinese reformer, has gone to China to help arouse a million young Chinese who mean to revolutionize the Flowery Kingdom. Just as though China didn't have trouble enough already without this later affliction of Leung Chi-Tso. China's misfortune is Honolulu's gain, however. Leung Chi-Tso has gone. May he remain there forever, and peace now settle down upon this community and portions of its hysterical press. Goodness be praised for this deliverance.

As the friends of progress might expect the enemies of municipal government and all other advances for the up-building of Honolulu are beginning to show their hand. This is fortunate for friends of progress for they know now what they have to oppose and who is against them. Of half a dozen interviews published in a more or less esteemed morning contemporary, four of the interviews are given by gentlemen who are members of the same business firm. They represent an element of the community that has consistently opposed every advancement in the last twenty years. They have opposed proper taxation of the sugar lands, forcing the small merchants and tradesmen and laborers to bear an unjust proportion of the taxation. The only thing they have ever favored has been concentration of power and curtailment in every possible way of the people's rights. It is not a matter for surprise that these people oppose municipal government. They naturally oppose everything that gives all the people a voice in public affairs. Too bad they can't wear the malo now, instead of modern dress.

The action of the Board of Education yesterday in appointing a teacher of agriculture and decentralizing the night school, so that five night schools may be established in as many sections of Honolulu, demonstrates that the educational affairs of the Territory are in competent and progressive hands. Children cannot be taught too many of the practical things of life, and many a child that has no adaptability for books earnestly takes hold of agriculture, of field work in botany, geology and other specialties. Failures in class work are often retrieved in manual training schools, and the enlightened system of education is to give every pupil a chance according to his talent, to develop the natural trend of mind, whenever such a course is possible.

This seems to be the purpose of the Territorial board. The bringing of those great adjuncts to the public school system, the night schools, closer to the homes of the people is another step in the right direction. It should have the result of largely increasing the attendance and that among a class that most needs such privileges. It is to be hoped that the enterprise and public spirit exhibited by the Board of Education will find a responsive chord in those for whom these annexes to the school system are specially created.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, held at Atlantic City, was largely attended. J. B. Stober was elected grand exalted ruler, J. O. Ries of California was unanimously elected grand esteemed leading night and George A. Reynolds secretary.

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TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR KAHUKU MURDER.

Japanese Arrested at Ewa Suspected of Killing a Countryman at Kahuku Last March.

Animoto, a Japanese suspected of being the murderer of Horie, a countryman, at Kahuku on March 18, was lodged in the police station Wednesday afternoon by Tanaka, a Japanese policeman, who arrested him at Ewa.

The murder was committed during a dispute over a gambling game. After the affray he and a friend, Mida, ran from the scene of the cutting. Mida was captured, but Animoto, though thought to be wounded, was not seen by the police until yesterday.

On Sunday two Japanese came to Officer Tanaka and told him they had seen the missing man at Ewa. Tanaka, who, before being a policeman, had known Animoto on a plantation, taking the tip from his informers, went to Ewa and captured Animoto. He has been looking for him ever since the murder. Every steamer for the Orient has been watched by Tanaka, who was out for the reward offered for the apprehension of Animoto. Mida, the accomplice of the murderer, was kept in jail a long time, awaiting the capture of Animoto, but was finally turned loose. He will be hunted up now and held as a witness.

Animoto, when questioned, admitted that he was present at the time the stabbing was done, but claimed that Mida, his friend, had done it. When confronted with Mida at the police station he made the same accusation against him. Both men say the other one is the man who did the stabbing. Animoto states that he has been in hiding in the cane fields ever since the murder. The police think he has been provided with food and shelter by an association of Japanese, known to be banded together to aid one another in case of trouble of the kind into which Animoto has got himself.

Tanaka is positive that he has caught the right man, and witnesses of the killing will be brought from Kahuku to-day to identify him, if possible.

AMUSEMENTS.

The selection of Archibald Clavering Gunther's play, "Mr. Barnes of New York," was a good one for the closing engagement of the Neill company. It combines both comedy and tragedy in a manner to test the capabilities of the actors as no other play of recent years. Needless to say, Mr. Neill, as Barnes of New York, played the part well. While not a really great actor, Mr. Neill is a polished, all 'round artist. One who recalls the old stock days, when the stock star was cast for anything from "Fall-staff" to "Hamlet," and was expected to, and did, render well each part. Miss Chapman showed herself even better in an emotional role like that of the Corsican woman than she has done in lighter characters essayed here. The company was well cast throughout, and it was a good performance all the way through. The house was, with the exception of the opening night, the largest of the engagement and was very enthusiastic. Mr. Neill and his company leave for the Coast this evening, taking with them the wishes of many admirers that it will not be long ere they return to Honolulu for another season of such high class as the one just closed.

Hawaii Shy of Extra Sessions. (From the San Francisco Call.) California has already made a deep impression upon the statesmen of our newly won Territory of Hawaii. The guiding political spirits of the Islands, learning a lesson from us, perhaps, have decided that they will order no extra session of their Legislature, as the experiment would be too expensive.

Naval Promotions.

President McKinley has approved the following promotions in the navy: Commander M. R. S. McKensie, to be a captain.

Lieutenant Commander George P. Colvocoresses, to be a commander.

Lieutenant James P. Parker, to be a lieutenant commander.

Lieutenant Ben W. Hodges, to be a lieutenant commander.

Earnest V. Sandstrom, to be a boat swain.

AMERICAN CONDENSATIONS.

Interesting News Gathered From Mainland Exchanges.

American cotton exports to China are at standstill.

Associate Justice H. B. Brown, of the United States Supreme Court, is spending his vacation in California.

Drinking on San Francisco's police force is absolutely prohibited. Penalty, first offense, \$100 fine; second, dismissal.

The Seaboard Air Line has filed in the court at Savannah, Ga., a mortgage for \$75,000,000. It is to cover an issue of fifty-year 4 per cent gold bonds and is executed to the Continental Trust Company of Baltimore, Md.

Captain Daniel Webster, well-known among sailors of both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, died in Alaska, June 18. He was an old whaler, but for 20 years he was in the employ of the Alaska Commercial Company.

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